

SENATE RESOLUTION 233

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michelle Housley
upon her nomination as Jefferson County
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute our superlative educators who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, one such extraordinary educator is Mrs. Michelle Housley, who was nominated by her colleagues at New Market Elementary School for Jefferson County Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Housley has been an exemplary teacher in Tennessee schools for eight years, the last four of which have been spent teaching fifth grade at New Market Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, following her love for science, Michelle Housley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Carson-Newman College and, later, her Master in Education degree from Carson-Newman College as well; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Housley became a teacher to pay forward to her own students the same kindness and understanding the wonderful teachers she had throughout school; and

WHEREAS, she is always willing to offer a guiding hand to any student and ensures they feel safe and unafraid to make mistakes, personifying her class motto, "Mistakes – make 'em loud and make 'em proud!"; and

WHEREAS, in an age where test scores determine the success of a student's education, Michelle Housley takes the time to teach her students socializing skills and activities, enabling them to sing and chant and laugh and learn together; she values the concepts of getting along and helping one another; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Housley inspires all of us to imagine a better future and create a better world by encouraging excellence in her students; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Housley helps further the education of her students by participating in several education-related committees and is a member of the SACS Review Team and the Dynamic (Science) Curriculum Team, in addition to helping her students with their science fair exhibits every year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work at New Market Elementary School, Michelle Housley still finds time to lend her talents to such notable causes as collecting and distributing school supplies for children, visiting elderly shut-ins, and raising money for needy families; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Housley is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, she displays her deeply-held Christian beliefs as a devout member of New Market Baptist Church, where she faithfully serves the Lord by singing with a gospel quartet; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Housley is most grateful for the love and support she receives from her family; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Housley is an unending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by students and staff alike; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and friend, Michelle Housley is the perfect example of a person wholly committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Mrs. Michelle Housley for her nomination as Jefferson County Teacher of the Year, applaud her expertise and dedication as an educator, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.